

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR U.S. PATENT APPLICATIONS

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,
and

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed
and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

**Heterocyclic Substituted 2-Methyl-Benzimidazole Antiviral
Agents**

the specification of which was filed on November 16, 2001 as U.S. Application No. 09/994,012

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified
specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge my duty to disclose all information which is known by me to be material to
the patentability of this application as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

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None

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 USC §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

Application No.

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Filing Date

December 20, 2000

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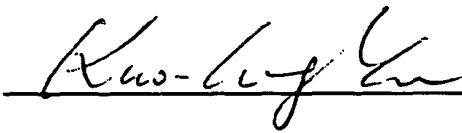
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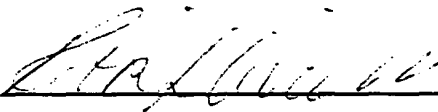
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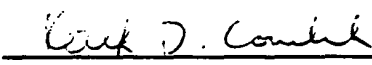
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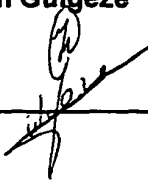
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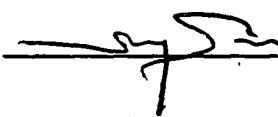
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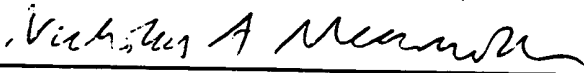
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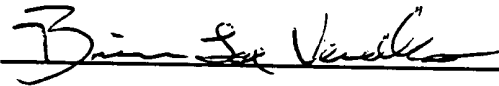
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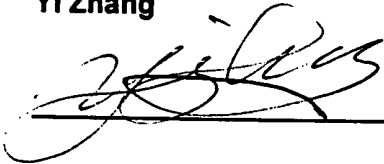
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